



MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
FINANCE BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006
CONFERENCE ROOM # 2, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL

- 1) **ROLL CALL:** At 6:10 PM, Chair Falzon called the meeting to order.

In Attendance: Chair Falzon, Vice Chair Geddes, Member Chapman, Member Jones, Member Lograsso, and Member Weiss

Absent: Member Domingo (excused)

Present: Dan Villella, Finance Director and Mavic Hizon, Administrative Aide

Citizens Present: Gary Puissegur

2) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Citizen Gary Puissegur suggested that the City should consider reducing refuse rates for the citizens in lieu of the free services that the City will receive from the transition to the automated refuse collection system. He also inquired on what other incentives, if any, Huntington Beach citizens will be offered for sorting their own trash once as required by the proposed change.

3) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Chair Falzon explained the need of limiting the meeting minutes to the discussion of agenda items that result to action items for the Board or city staff.

a) March 8, 2006 – Approval continued to May 17 meeting date

b) March 15, 2006 (Prevailing Wage) – Member Chapman, seconded by Member Lograsso made a motion to approve the minutes as amended (5-0, Vice Chair Geddes abstained). The Board agreed that the minutes should reflect Public Works Director Robert Beardsley's response to Member Lograsso's question regarding the accuracy of the 17-20% savings potential that could be realized if the City adopted a non-prevailing wage position on specific maintenance contract opportunities. The minutes will additionally reflect Robert Beardsley's affirmation that the 17-20% potential savings as exhibited in the presentation were accurate. The minutes will also be amended to reflect Mr. Beardsley's disagreement with the contract values as noted in the presentation due to the one-time nature of some of the numbers presented.

4) **STAFF REPORTS/BUSINESS ITEMS:**

a) **Subcommittee Reports**

b) **Long Range Financial Plan**

Dan Villella noted that the city's strategic plan is currently under review by Council members Hansen, Hardy and Bohr. The Board requested a copy any available public documents in order to stay informed with the strategic planning effort. This item will be continued to the May 17 meeting date.

c) **Refuse Fund**

At the invitation of the Finance Board, representatives from Rainbow Disposal presented a Powerpoint presentation regarding Rainbow's proposal to transition the city to an automated refuse collection system. In attendance from Rainbow were: Ron Shenkman, Chairman; Bruce Shuman, President & CEO, Jerry Moffat, President & COO. Project Consultants for Rainbow Disposal Wendy Weber and Linda Moulton-Patterson were also in attendance. Rainbow and the Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Ron Shenkman commented on the City's timely transition to the automated refuse collection system to comply with a possible increase in the state's recycling requirements (currently 50%; could increase to 75%). Linda Moulton-Patterson commented that cities can be fined for not meeting their respective recycling quotas especially if there is an absence of any good faith effort to meet the requirement. She also discussed the state's Zero Waste Target policy. "Zero Waste" refers to a set of principles and systems to reduce both the volume and toxicity of waste. The adoption of a Zero Waste target entails the reduction of waste going to landfill by at least 80%. Designing waste out of the system, greatly reducing the amount of paper and materials used, and by reusing as much as possible will help achieve this target.

On behalf of the Board, Member Lograsso was tasked to draft a memo of recommendation to the City Council with respect to the potential negotiation points identified by the Board during Rainbow's presentation and discussion.

d) Grants

This item will be continued to the May 17 meeting date.

e) Finance Board 2006 Priorities

In consideration of the City Council's noted priorities for 2006, Chair Falzon requested that the City conduct a presentation to the Board providing status on the Neighborhood Improvement District program. The Board tasked Dan Villella to schedule a presentation for the Board to be conducted by staff from Public Works or Economic Development, as appropriate, at their earliest convenience.

f) Open Action Item List

Action Item numbers 2006-002, 2006-003 & 2005-001 are now closed.

g) Legislative Updates

This item will be continued to the May 17 meeting date.

h) Finance Board Meeting Dates

Chair Falzon proposed a change to the Board's regular meeting schedule for the months of May and June. The Board agreed to the proposed changes and the meeting dates are now set for Wednesday, May 17 and Wednesday, June 21. Both meetings will be held at the Caucus Room in the Council Chambers.

3) COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Villella was requested to provide copies of the Budget Calendar to the Finance Board and to Citizen Gary Puissegur.

Adjournment

Member Weiss, seconded by Vice Chair Geddes, made a motion at 9:20 pm to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, May 17. The motion was approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dan T. Villella, Finance Director
Secretary to the Finance Board